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Former college president new CBC chief

By DANIELLE MEVILLE
Staff Writer

Former Niagara College president Tony Manera has been appointed president of the Canadian Broadcast Corporation. The announcement was made by federal Heritage Minister Michel Dupuy last week.

Manera came to Montreal from Italy when he was 11 years old. He studied at the University of Southern California where he attained a masters of science degree in electrical engineering. Before returning to Canada to work, he was employed at Hughes Aircraft and Teledyne Systems in California as an electrical engineer.

Before joining the CBC in 1986, Manera, 53, served as the youngest college president at Niagara College in 1972. He was only 31 years old at the time.

After working at the college, Manera spent seven years as president of Vancouver Community College in British Columbia.

Manera had served as the senior vice-president in charge of finance, administration, human resources, and engineering while at the CBC.

While he was serving as acting president, he impressed Prime Minister Jean Chretien and Heritage Minister Michel Dupuy with his approach and mastery of the complexities of the CBC's finances and administration, said a Toronto Star article.

According to the news, Manera negotiated a full five-year term as president with a mandate to effect major changes rather than just a temporary position.

Manera's toughest task now deals with the ailing CBC's financial situation. Although the Liberal government has promised the CBC no more cuts to its base funding for the next five years, Manera must deal with the $100-million budget cut that will be enforced over the next five years.

'The need for Canadian voices and Canadian images is going to be greater than ever'

-Tony Manera

"The need for Canadian voices and Canadian images is going to be greater than ever," Manera told the Toronto Globe and Mail in a recent interview.

Eugene Maltais, a professor at Niagara College who worked with Manera while he was president of the college and also while he was the president of the Red Cross Society in Welland, praised the new CBC president.

"He has a system of management of walking around and he gets to know his staff. He relates well with people and becomes familiar with his situation very quickly. I think he'll do a good job," said Maltais.

Mary Hornak, check position, who worked for Manera while he was at the college, said she is thrilled with his appointment.

"I think everyone who knew him is just thrilled about it. It's just marvelous. I'm very happy for him," she said.

Manera has also spoken about the future of the 500-channel cable system in Canada, noting that most of the programming will be foreign.

Sweets for your sweet!

Valentine's Day is not for lovers only. Treat that special someone with treats from Granny's Cabinet at the Seaway Mall in Welland. From chocolates to stuffed animals to ornaments, this store has it all.

Photo by Tina Young

Olympics begin Saturday

By LEANN MCHUTCHION
Staff Writer

Olympic fever goes into full throttle this Saturday as the 1994 Winter Olympic Games in Lillehammer, Norway get under way.

The Canadian Olympic team of 105 athletes will be competing in a wide variety of events, including alpine and freestyle skiing, figure skating, speed skating, hockey, bobsled, luge, biathlon and many more.

Canada's greatest hopes for Olympic Gold include downhill skier Kate Pace and Edi Podivinsky in the men's combined alpine skiing event.

After capturing five World Cup titles bobsled driver Pierre Luders has a good chance of capturing a medal for the two-man bobsled.

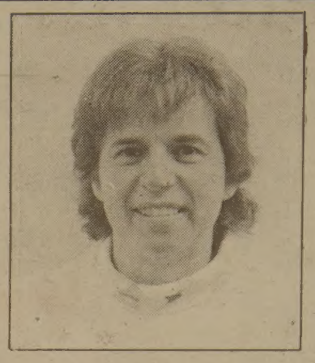
Attention will remain focused on the figure skating world as Elvis Stojko takes on Ukraine competitor and 1992 Olympic gold medalist Victor Petrenko. My prediction this year is that Stojko will take the gold.

Pairs figure skaters Isabelle Brasseur and Lloyd Eisler also stand a very good chance of stepping up to the medal platform.

After winning a bronze medal at the 1992 Olympics, biathlon star Myriam Bedard, who will be competing in both the women's 7.5 km and 15 km events, stands a good chance of capturing another medal as long as she can keep up the pace of competing in both events.

Starting Saturday at 9 a.m., CTV will be airing over 150 hours of sporting events from Norway. CBS will also be airing the games, but will only air about 120 hours. Both stations will be concentrating on figure skating events because of the promise of high ratings.

Opening ceremonies live from Olympic Park in Norway will air at 10 a.m. tomorrow (Feb. 12) on CTV.



by Heather Hodgson
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One of the leading factors in preventing substance abuse is having an outlet, a method of escaping the reality that crushes in, through physical or creative activities. My escape is writing. For Valentine's Day, I thought I'd share a poem.

Always Friend

Please stand by me,
I need your strength to comfort me
When others fade and drift away.

When cutting words destroy the truth
And make me weak,
I need your thoughts to cradle me.

When dreams are shattered,
Hopes are blurred
And fear tears inside my soul,
When life is distant, unreal,
I need your smile to reassure.

Please stand by me,
And, in return, I will be
Your always friend.

With our friendship we will build
The wonders of the heavens-
Each star a sparkling memory of moments shared.

Please stand by me
I'll give you strength and comfort you
When others fade and drift away.

When cutting words destroy the truth
And make you weak
You'll have my thoughts to cradle you.

When dreams are shattered,
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Bowling for dollars

An unidentified member of Club Richelieu is seen here bowling between his legs. Several teams and individuals came out to Bowl O Rama to support the Big Brothers Bowl for Millions campaign.

Photo by Chris Russo

Placement down, spirits high

By MONIKA QUECKENSTEDT
Staff Writer

The future looks grim for Ambulance and Emergency (AE) program students.

"Three years ago placement was up to 90 per cent," says Ambulance and Emergecy co-ordinator Rick Chandler, 45, of Niagara-on-the-Lake. "Last year, 30 per cent of the students got jobs — mostly part time. Since then some have been laid off and it's down to 10 per cent."

Due to clinics and hospitals downsizing and the limited number of spaces available for students' work experiences, the program will be downsized to accept approximately 65 students next year, said Chandler.

Despite the odds, students are still optimistic.

AE student Bev Dunn, 28, of Hamilton, says she hopes "to get a job with an ambulance service."

Students aren't limited to hospitals for jobs, they may also find work in businesses' first-aid departments, for example in Dofasco or Stelco.

For two years, AE student Darren Rust, 19, of Flamborough, Ont. worked for the Flamborough Fire Department as a part-time volunteer with some pay.

"If there's a job anywhere, I'll get one," he said. "I'm aiming for a full-time position at a fire department (because) I think they'll (ambulance services and fire departments) be amalgamated in the future."

Otherwise, he said, he plans to go into nursing "to keep myself employable and current."

"The big openings are in ambulance work," said Chandler. "But employment is still scarce. There are few job choices and students should be thinking about this."

Of the 83 students, 75 are expected to graduate, Chandler said. Upon graduation, students write the Emergency Medical Care Assistant (EMCA) exam to receive their ministry certificate either during the summer or in January.

"The ministry certificate is required by law for graduates to work full time," he said.

The certificate allows graduates to work anywhere in Ontario, however, qualifications vary from province to province and what qualifies someone to work in Ontario may not be recognized elsewhere, Chandler said.

Over the 36 weeks of the course from September to June, students must put in 64 hours of work experience in the first term and 320 hours plus four shifts in a hospital's emergency department during second term.

Despite the odds, students are still optimistic

"It's good," says Rust. "I like the idea of lab night and the practical experience I get. In second semester it's job-related learning whereas in first semester it was more theory."

During the second term, students play-act illness and accident scenes so their classmates can practice assessment and treatment decision-making. "This is how they prepare for their Objective Structured Clinical Examination (OSCE) at the end of the year," Chandler said.

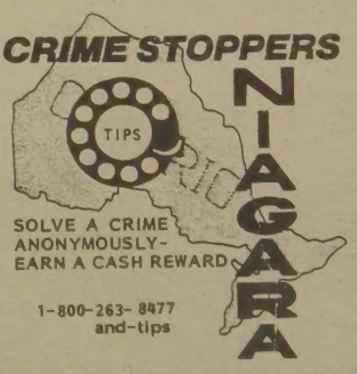
Two males last seen on Lundy's Lane

On Monday, Jan. 3, 1994 at about 9:40 p.m., two males, armed with a gun, robbed the employees at the Niagara Square Cinema, 7555 Montrose Rd., Niagara Falls.

Upon entering the lobby, one of the thugs approached the concession stand and pointed a small handgun at the face of an employee. The second thug then proceeded to remove cash from the till. Once the till was emptied, the thieves ran out of the lobby, heading south.

Police were notified, however, the culprits made a clean escape.

The suspects are described as first male, six-foot tall, slim build, mid 20's, wearing a green Woodsman-style jacket and a green balaclava. This individual carried a black handgun. Second male, six-foot tall, slim build, wearing a black waist-length jacket, black balaclava, and brown cloth gloves.



It is interesting to note that at about 8 p.m. the same evening two individuals wearing balaclavas were seen in the area of Golden Nugget Bingo, 6282 Lundy's Lane. They were operating an early to mid 1980's two-door Monte Carlo or Grand Prix, grey or white in color with a dark roof.

If you have information regarding this armed robbery, or any other crime, call Crime Stoppers at 1-800-263-8477, that's 1-800-AND-TIPS to be eligible for a cash award up to $1,000. In all cases, you will not have to reveal your identity.

The Niagara Regional Police in co-operation with Crime Stoppers Niagara Inc. writes this column to help combat crime. A citizen board administers the local program. Reward money is raised through tax-deductible donations and cheques may be sent to Crime Stoppers of Niagara Inc., P.O. Box 1086, St. Catharines, Ont. L2R 7A3.

Hockey tickets on sale at SAC

By STUART MCDONALD
Staff Writer

Alexander Mogilny, Dale Hawerchuk and John Vanbiesbrouck will be displaying their hockey talents for 45 Niagara College hockey fans on Friday, Feb. 18 at the Auditorium in Buffalo.

Tickets for the Buffalo Sabres vs. Florida Panthers are on sale at the Student Administrative Council office in After Hours. Tickets cost $21 each, including bus transportation and $15 each without.

So far, 15 of the 45 tickets have been sold but SAC hasn't started promoting the event yet, says SAC vice-president athletics, Scott Currie.

"We're going to be promoting it all next week," he said.

The surprising Panthers are on schedule to make the playoffs and have a good chance to break the record for points by an expansion team. They are led by 30-goal scorer Bob Kudelski and all-star goalie Vanbiesbrouck.

The Sabres are fourth in the Northeast Division despite playing without all-stars Pat LaFontaine and Grant Fuhr.

The bus to Buffalo leaves Welland campus at 6 p.m. on Friday, Feb. 18.

Hospitality students get "Updated" in Toronto

By DIANA BERARDI
Staff Writer

Here's an "Update."

Three students from the Hospitality and Tourism Centre in Niagara Falls attended the Tourism 2000/Update 1994 conference in Toronto on Jan. 28 to 30.

"It's a place to learn and a place to meet people," said Roy Kiers, Hospitality Tourism Council vice-president, attending this event for the second year.

Update, hosted by Ryerson Polytechnic University, prepares students for a career in the hospitality and tourism industry. Its emphasis is on presenting the latest ideas and trends happening in the market place and workforce, said an Update newsletter released in October 1993.

"Update is informative, yet presented in a style students can enjoy," said Steve Harris, president of Hospitality Tourism Council.

About 250 students attended this year's conference, which in part was held at the Marriott Eaton Centre Hotel. Students from Ryerson, Georgian College in Barrie, Niagara University in Niagara Falls, N.Y., and Montreal participated in various events.

Students arrived on Friday, Jan. 28 at the Marriott and were able to sign up for two tours/seminars. Choices included behind the scene tours at the SkyDome, Wayne Gretzky's bar, CBC studios, Miss Saigon-Princess of Wales Theatre, Medieval Times, Marriott Eaton Centre Hotel, and an Ontario Wine Council wine seminar.

Backstage at the Medieval Times, students learned what it takes to stage a production involving large audiences and live animals. Performers were dressed in Kings costumes and staged a fight, said Yvonne Halliday, treasurer of the Hospitality Tourism Council.

Representatives from Chateau des Charmes wines presented their marketing plans and projections for a new building in Niagara-on-the-Lake at a wine-tasting seminar held later at Ryerson's International Learning and Living Centre (ILLC), said Halliday. The ILLC is Ryerson's school of hospitality and tourism.

The wine-tasting segment of the seminar was incorporated into Update's welcome reception, featuring wines from members of the Ontario Wine Council and organic foods by Knives and Forks, organic food association.

A welcome address by Dr. James Burke, director of the School of Hospitality and Tourism Management at Ryerson, kicked off activities on Saturday, Jan. 29. Students spent most of the day at various seminars relating to the hospitality and tourism industry.

"Inspirational," said Halliday in reference to the Small Business Successes-Women Entrepreneurs seminar she attended.

Speakers included Bev McMullen, inventor of the wave bar, who "kept everyone in stiches," and Karen Fraser, author and creator of the Innovation Awards for Women Entrepreneurs, who spoke about the different pressures women must deal with.

"Being a woman I felt I understood what they were talking about," said Halliday.

Other seminars included Total Quality Service Management, Spotlight on Careers and Food Service and Restaurant Round Table.

A gala dinner dance, held in the Marriott grand ballroom, was the final Update event. Students were entertained throughout dinner by the serving staff, and by R.I.O.T., a group of Ryerson students who performed skits, said Harris.

At one point during dinner the lights went out, leaving only candles to light the room, he said. Phantom of the Opera music was played as the serving staff walked in wearing phantom masks and carrying trays draped with long black or white table cloths and topped with sparklers.

"Ryerson did an excellent job," said Halliday about the entire weekend.

"If I have a chance I will go back," said Kiers.

Next year's Tourism 2000/Update conference is scheduled for Montreal.

"I feel Niagara Falls should be considered as a future host," said Halliday who encourages more students to get involved.

Members of the Hospitality Tourism Council, Roy Kiers (at left), Yvonne Halliday, and Steve Harris, "Updated" their hospitality and tourism skills at the Tourism 2000/Update conference in Toronto.
Photo by Diana Berardi

Raffle helps end crime

By TOM BRANK
Staff Writer

Members of the Niagara College's CrimeStoppers team have lauched a fundraising raffle to raise reward money for students who provide crime tips on campus.

The college's CrimeStoppers unit was established last term and is the first student-run CrimeStoppers unit in Ontario. Membership is open to all students at the college.

First prize includes a Molson ice bucket, Molson T-Shirt and "Ice" baseball cap. Second prize in the draw will be a Coors T-Shirt, plus a Molson baseball cap.

The draw will be held in After Hours on Wednesday, Feb. 23 at 1:30 p.m. Tickets cost 50 cents each or three for $1 and are available at the SAC office in After Hours.

Chinese delegation visits Niagara

A delegation from Yueyang University in China has finished visiting Canada and Niagara College. Shown from left are: faculty members Zhou Beiyue and Zhang Yanwen, President Tan Binsheng, director of International Affairs Dennis Malone and Vice-President Zhou Ping Jie. The visit will help maintain ties that began with the Canada-China linkeage project.
Photo by John Sarko

College show informs students, community

By DANIELLE MEVILLE
Staff Writer

Second-year Niagara College broadcast students are honing their skills to create a 30-minute news information program.

Inside Niagara is produced live in the Broadcast-Radio, Television and Film (BRTF) department studios at the Welland campus.

Two television classes, about 35 students, are involved in every aspect of producing the show. Inside Niagara is entirely produced, directed, shot and edited by the students.

The show has retained last year's format, but is "getting bigger and better each year," said Tom Pagonis, BRTF professor.

For the past 15 years, the show has been part of the second-year students' curriculum.

Although the students do all the work, Pagonis is there to "guide and steer them if they get off track," he said.

Inside Niagara is a community and college-oriented program, which includes news, sports, entertainment, special interest stories and features.

Art students from E.L. Crossley High School, in Fonthill, will be providing a mural for the backdrop on the show's new set. The main body of the set remains intact from last year, but slight modifications have been made, including the addition of television monitors, said Dave Lostracco, 23. He will serve as the first show's director. He said he sees the show as "a massive exercise in co-ordination."

"This is much more of a pressure situation. Preparation is the absolute key to successful live television," said Lostracco.

The students are responsible to attend their regular classes as well as do production of the show.

"Time management plays an important part in their (the students') success at this point," said Pagonis.

Inside Niagara's first telecast is Thursday, Feb. 17 and airs each week through April 28, with the exception of March 3.

The show will be telecast live at noon every Thursday on Maclean Hunter Cable 10 in St. Catharines, Welland, Niagara Falls, Pelham, Port Colborne, Fort Erie, Niagara-on-the-Lake and Thorold. Rebroadcasts air Thursday at 6:30 p.m.

This year's co-hosts of Inside Niagara include Ron Beore, Lisa Mercer, Sean Allen and Lorraine Kriski. Newscasters are Kelly Pereira, Beore and Kriski. Sports will be covered by Mike Paolone, Margaret Jarvis and Mike Matier. The first edition will be produced by Jason LeNoury and directed by Lostracco.

EDITORIAL PAGE

Canadians overtaxed

While sorting through my mail the other day, I saw that my tax form had been sent to me from the government of Canada, reminding me that tax time is drawing near. While looking ahead to the headache this will cause for next few months, waiting for T-4's to arrive in the mail, the fun of figuring out the tax form, and the fear of possibly owing the government money, I started thinking about how much we, as Canadians, are taxed.

Before the working citizens of this country are even handed their pay cheques, the government takes away a share for Income Tax.

These people are again taxed virtually everytime they spend the money left over, in the form of Provincial Sales Tax and the Goods and Services Tax.

If by some chance the government doesn't think the PST and GST amounts to enough on certain items or services, they will throw on a special tax, such as a 'tire tax' when a person decides to buy tires, or a 'room tax' when a person rents a hotel room.

Homeowners pay taxes to the city they live in, as well as the region they live in, and taxes to either the public or catholic school board, regardless of whether they have children in school or not.

And finally, when you're dead and gone, they take one last stab, and tax the amount your estate is worth before it can be distributed.

And even with all the money collected in taxes, we still have to dodge potholes when we drive, wait for days for our roads to be plowed, and wonder how many more of our O.H.I.P. benifits will be cut.

Go figure.

Robin Green

Transit system needs change

We remember Niagara College President John Saso promising to examine the issue of college transit at a college meeting last year. A year later, transit users are freezing their butts off waiting for changes. The delay is frustrating.

Has Saso, who is fortunate enough to travel by car, overlooked the high cost of fares, inadequate schedules, shelters and walkways provided to out-of-town commuters?

Bus fare to Welland costs $3 one way, or $700 a year, and is not covered by the Ontario Student Assistance Program (OSAP).

One bus travels to the college at 7:30 a.m. and one bus leaves at 5:30 p.m. This service is inadequate for part-time and night-class students and also for those seeking part-time employment. An employer is not going to hire someone who asks for everyone else to work around their schedule.

We have watched countless students arrive at the college soaked by rain or miss the bus because they couldn't find the terminal. Why not get co-op students to erect terminal signs and bus shelters? And while they're at it, get them to do something about the lack of sidewalks. Does it not bother staff and students to see people walking into traffic, at the college exits, over brown slush and ice?

Perhaps college, city and Brock University funds could be used to purchase a bus. This would result in reduced fares and attract part-time Brock students to the college. A bus could also provide an afternoon shuttle service to Brock library, and to regular destinations, as well as provide transportation for athletic teams and special events.

If no changes or reports are issued by the end of the school term, we, as transit users, can only conclude Saso has forgotten his promise.

Jenn Sheridan

Letters To The Editor

SAC member defends upholding constitution

Dear Editor:

In reply to Chris Russo's article (Niagara News, Friday, Feb. 4, 1994, page 5, "SAC problems stage a comedy of errors") I would like to make a few comments.

Russo makes it sound like I was the one who removed four members of the Student Administrative Council. This cannot be done as this is still a democratic society and all members of SAC have to vote, not just me. I was just one member of a team.

(Cris) Margeson (SAC president) made a valid point about the 65 per cent average in the Constitution and Russo thinks it should be re-evaluated. Well, if this is a problem why did the four members not act on this while in power? The opportunity was there to maybe adjust this but nothing was done. As part of the SAC team, we have a duty to uphold the Constitution as it is while on the team. Therefore, we did the job as we are required to do and uphold the rule for a 65 per cent grade average.

As far as quality performance of SAC members, rest assured that all members of SAC care about what they do and will do the very best to maintain the high quality standards set by prior student councils. As a former student representative, I do have experience on SAC. Yes, I felt bad about the outcome but, no I would not have voted differently. The fact is that I had the information to make a sound and correct decision. As part of the SAC team it is my responsibility to uphold the rules as they are, and should not be faulted for doing this.

As for my seat on council, remember Mr. Russo, I did not appoint myself but was voted in. I did not act in a selfish manner but in a caring matter as I care about our school and my fellow students. I will not resign, and I will continue to do my best to represent the best interests of the students, even if it means some conflict. SAC members cannot be faulted for enforcing the rules.

Jeff Poulin
SAC Vice-president External

'SAC'ked member deserves applause

Dear Editor:

As second-year Interior Design program students, we have had the pleasure of meeting and getting to know Leanne Newton, also a second-year ID student and recently "SAC'KED" vice-president of external affairs.

It is a shame this decision was made and articles were printed without giving credit to the hard work and long hours she put into the Student Administrative Council.

One major affair Leanne organized was Shinerama in September 1993. Approximately $5,000 was raised to support Cystic Fibrosis. There were many other events that Leanne and SAC worked on to give Niagara College a sense of student unity and morale.

Before she and the other discharged members' hard work become a faded memory, we think they deserve a round of applause!

Interior Design Students
Pam Cook, Chris Onyschuk, Pam Shaw, Donna Svob, Cheryl Mabee, Heidi Rathwell, Billie Snell, Stacey McGrath.

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International Trade program encourages global thinking

By AL GILDAY
Staff Writer

"If someone in Australia says 'I'll knock you up in the morning,' it means the person intends to give you a call," says Roger Schmid, an instructor in Niagara College's International Trade program.

In some Asian countries, showing the soles of your shoes is considered bad manners. These are just a few of the customs and cultural differences business people have to be aware of," says Schmid.

"Businesses are dying for people that have any type of credentials dealing with export or international trade," he says.

Schmid presented his students with a scenario: to decide what type of saleperson should sell Canadian beer in Australia. They decided the ideal salesperson would handle all travelling involved and would be aware of all of the cultural differences.

A survey of students in the program revealed the enthusiasm that these students possess.

Kathryn Deshaies, 36, of Welland, is one of three people in the class who was born in Canada. "I took the course because I was in retail management and owned my own business. Due to the recession, it closed and I decided to go back to school. I did some research and found that health care, communications and international trade were growing fields," says Deshaies. She chose the course because it is only eight months in duration and she feels that she'll be able to benefit from it.

Winfred Pasveer, 42, of St. Catharines, came to Canada from Holland in 1975. "I quit the real estate job that I had for 11 years, and had been involved in international trade before and gotten burned quite heavily, and wanted to learn the right right way to go about it," says Pasveer.

Pasveer says he is enthusiastic about the program because he feels "we need more exposure to the outside world, especially in the Niagara Region.

"We need businesses in the area to acknowledge the program because many people don't know that it exists," says Pasveer.

'Canada has to start thinking globally' - Roger Schmid

Deshaies says the course is action-packed because "it's so foreign to what we've been doing before." The Welland resident wasn't sure how the course was going to be structured but is pleased with the course. "There are people from 21 to 61, and many of us hadn't been in school for many years. Just overcoming those barriers was very hard to do," says Deshaies.

For Per Kittelsen, moving to Canada from Norway in 1988, was very difficult. "I don't have any Canadian (work) experience, but I hope to use this program as a stepping stone into international business," he said.

Kittelsen, 38, is fortunate because he has worked for many multi-national corporations in the past and he hopes that he'll be able to use his experience once the course ends.

Kittelsen was laid off last year from a management position and was recommended to the program through the NITAC program because of his background.

One of the strengths of the program is that students are able to talk to people from other countries. "The amount of knowledge and work experience in this room is incredible. We learn from everybody," says Deshaies.

The students all agree people have to have an open mind in order to succeed in the program. "You have to know what you want to get out of the course. Students routinely spend 15 hours per week in class and another 15 hours on homework," says Pasveer. He was sold on the program as soon as he saw the pamphlet.

In addition to eight months of classes, students must spend 250 hours in a co-op placement. This term promises to be interesting as the students will be getting more hands-on experience.

Schmid says Canadians have to start thinking more globally. "I'm a nationalist too, but in order to compete, Canada is going to have to start thinking beyond its borders," says Schmid.

International Sales instructor Roger Schmid talks to students, from left, Winfred Pasveer, Per Kittelsen and Kathryn Deshaies about the qualities that an international salesperson should have. All three are interested in international trade careers.

Photo by Al Gilday

March of Dimes launches campaign

By ADELE NAGY
Staff Writer

The March of Dimes is on again.

The Ontario March of Dimes' yearly community campaign hopes to raise $27,500 by mid-March. Connie McNally, co-ordinator of fundraising and volunteer development, said they are "doing a large door-to-door campaign," with volunteers. They are also placing coin boxes in retail outlets such as corner stores.

McNally said they offer quite a number of programs such as the Physical Disability Attendant program. This program allows staff to assist people with physical disabilities get up in the morning, dress, and prepare small meals. She said people who are hired by the March of Dimes come with first aid and CPR training.

McNally said another program they have is the Employment Services program which helps people who have physical disabilities, either from birth, or as a result of an accident at work, re-enter the work force.

The March of Dimes was started in the United States in 1935 by President Harry S. Truman and Eddie Cantor to raise money to find a cure for polio, said McNally. She said Truman, himself, was suffering from polio and it was Cantor, an actor and singer, who composed the popular song Buddy Can You Spare a Dime? for the March of Dimes.

"The organization started in Canada in 1951 as a result of the polio epidemic," said McNally. Mothers of victims went door-to-door asking for dimes, which was a lot of money in those days, she said. After the advent of the vaccine, discovered by American Jonas Salk in the 1950s, the Canadian March of Dimes was instrumental in getting the vaccine to people who needed it by setting up clinics.

McNally said "the March of Dimes now helps all who have physical disabilities. Its mandate is to help all disabled persons to achieve a meaningful and dignified life."

Valentines Day

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Call Waiting is the answer!

By NOREEN BOND
Staff Writer

Beep, beep, beep!

The busy signal, an annoying way to tell a caller that someone else is talking with the person you need to speak with.

How frustrating and angry one gets when they have to press the redial button for hours on end. Now, I know that a little thing entitled Call Waiting has been invented, but for those who are less fortunate, we have to put up with the beep.

Why oh why does the telephone have a busy signal? I think that Bell and Unitel better find some new ways to help the families without Call Waiting, such as myself. Although, we experienced the luxury of Call Waiting temporarily, we were soon back to the lovely tone.

Please somebody, help me. Does anyone have any suggestions to do away with the busy signal? Maybe the telephone companies could turn that beep into a song. Why I'm sure they would just love to strut their stuff and turn the beep into one of the top 10 greatest hits. Anything would be better than hearing one beep after another.

'Why does the telephone have a busy signal?'

I recently had to experience listening to a busy signal for nine hours. I was ready to pull my hair out in chunks! I called to get tickets to a television show, but was unsuccessful because no one could stay off the line for one minute. I say this to all the telephone companies out there if you have the heart, dispose of the busy signal before you drive people like me completely insane.

A view from behind the police badge

By TOM BRANK
Staff Writer

This is the first of a two-part feature on the Niagara Regional Police Services. I was given permission to ride-along in a police cruiser on one day-shift and one night-shift to experience the work, duties and routines of a police officer on an 'average' shift. To protect the innocent and the guilty, I cannot report specific names or places involved.

Thursday, Jan. 27, 1994 — The 12-hour day-shift begins with a **6:15 a.m.** briefing for 12 officers at police headquarters in downtown St. Catharines. Police officers work schedules comprised of two 12-hour day-shifts, followed by two 12-hour night-shifts and then four days off.

The morning staff sergeant informs officers of the details involving a missing person in Niagara Falls and three recent stolen vehicles in the region.

I'm assigned to ride with Constable Brad Swan, a 10-year veteran of the police force and a 1984 graduate of the Law and Security Administration program at Niagara College.

'Swanny', as he's known to fellow officers, spent two years in the Canadian Air Force before joining the NRPS.

We're assigned cruiser 1121. Getting into the vehicle I first notice a lack of front seat space. The MDT (Mechanical Data Transfer) computer and radio unit take up most of the room. A plate glass and metal barrier, to isolate the back seat, is pressed against the rear of the front seats.

Swan begins his shift punching numerous codes into the computer to activate the system. The green-glowing computer screen, I learned, can display everything from criminal records to weather updates. The unit also allows officers to communicate with each other or the police dispatcher.

6:40 a.m. — We move out to patrol 11th district, also known as north St. Catharines.

6:50 a.m. — First call comes through the MDT from police dispatch — a watermain break on Ontario Street means police must detour all traffic away from the problem. Swan begins traffic duty outside at the intersection of Haig and Welland Avenue surrounded by angry motorists and -15 degree temperatures. I sit in the warm car and laugh as countless motorists attempt to manoeuvre around the cruiser, flashing lights and all.

7:40 a.m. — Relief arrives when another officer takes over traffic duty and we head to Tim Horton's.

8:17 a.m. — MDT reports a 950 (Motor Vehicle Collision) on Dorothy Street. We respond to a two-car accident with minor damage. Swan begins to fills out an accident report.

For Swan, the morning's events are just "part of the job." A job, he says, he wouldn't trade for any other.

"It's an interesting job that isn't routine. It's a secure, well-paying job where you do your own thing, and it's nice working with citizens... helping them out," he says.

9:10 a.m. — Acting on an earlier tip we drive to execute an arrest warrant on Lakeshore Road.

Here comes the action! All right! I'm nervous as we stand at the door — I mean Swan's wearing a bullet-proof vest, and I've got a flannel shirt on. He notices the mailbox is full and snow hasn't been shovelled recently. Swan knocks on the door several times, but the suspect is not home. Back on north-end patrol.

'The media sensationalize the bad aspects of our work. They're trying to sell their product and they sell it by going to the negative side.' —Swan

9:43 a.m. — Dispatcher reports a mischief call in our district. We arrive at an elderly couple's home where their car was broken into and damaged. Swan calms and questions the couple before writing a damage report. Swan tells the worried couple youths in the area have been attempting to steal cars lately. Youth crime, he says, is becoming an increasing problem in the community.

"The YOA (Young Offenders Act) needs to be stiffer. Most young people get a slap on the wrist and they're on their way," he says bitterly.

The most frustrating problems facing police today are the lenient laws and courts to deal with criminals, says Swan. There is often only so much officers can do before they run into "red tape", he says.

Another 11-11 (break) at the donut shop, and all those police/donut shop jokes come back to haunt me. Day-shifts, he tells me, are sometimes boring for police when few calls occur. I'm thinking that's good news.

10:20 a.m. — Back on north end patrol. As we cruise neighborhoods around the city, I observe people's driving habits improve immensely upon seeing a police car. I know mine do.

Lunch break is 11 a.m. and we drive back to headquarters. The lunchroom is busy with hungry officers, but without the uniforms and two-way radios, you would never recognize them to be police.

11: 55 a.m. — The winter weather in the city is becoming worse, as we head out again. Frequent updates from the on-board computer call for heavy snow and freezing rain. Swan says I should expect accidents all afternoon.

12:24 p.m. — MDT computer reports another 950 on Niagara Street. A two-car collision involving a taxi. Swan surveys the damage, takes statements from both drivers, and fills out more lengthy reports. He charges the taxi driver with an unsafe turn.

Paperwork, I discover, is a frequent component of police work. "You could probably fill out these yourself by now," Swan jokes. Passerbys look at me suspiciously.

1:35 p.m. — We return to the Lakeshore Road visited earlier in the shift for possible arrest of suspect; again, no one home. Swan runs license plates in the parking lot through the MDT but all come up clear.

1:48 p.m. — We join a fellow officer at the donut shop. Yes, we drank a lot of coffee that day, but by this time I think the women at the donut shop think I'm an undercover officer.

2:10 p.m. — On patrol again, I ask Swan about several recent police issues, such as the relationship between the police and the media.

"The media sensationalizes the bad aspects of our work. They're trying to sell their product and they sell it by going to the negative side," he says.

Swan also mentions the differences the police have with many politicians.

"Politicians are in their own world," says Swan. "I think the big problem we're having are some of the laws they're coming up with. If we keep going the way we' re going, we'll be in trouble."

3:05 p.m. — Cruise to headquarters for the second break in the 12-hour shift. Officers in the lunchroom seem disappointed with the predictions for poor weather the rest of the afternoon.

3:54 p.m. — Snow and freezing rain have arrived and accidents throughout the region are reported over the police radio. The dispatcher seems to have more accidents than police cars available to respond.

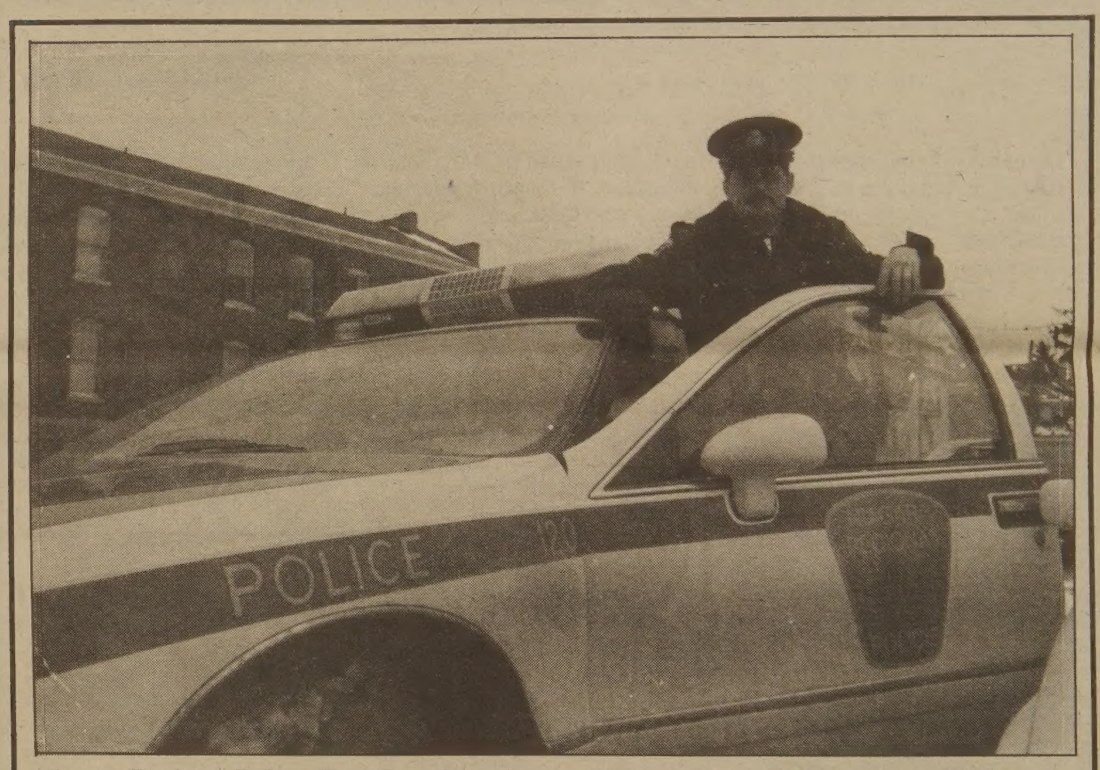
4:19 p.m. — We respond to the first accident listed on the MDT screen; a two-car collision with minor injuries in Port Dalhousie. Several other accidents are already awaiting police. The accident has blocked one lane and early evening traffic is heavy. Swan spends most of the time outside in the rain talking to car occupants and sorting out the mess. The afternoon drags along as he writes — reports.

5:27 p.m. — We arrive at the intersection of Scott and Niagara Streets to assist a fellow officer with another accident report. Several charges are laid and there's plenty of paperwork to do. Swan sits back with a long sigh. He looks tired and, frankly, so am I.

6:01 p.m. — We cruise downtown St. Catharines with several other police cruisers. We wait for the 'three-beep' signal on the radio from the police dispatcher to end the day-shift.

6:19 p.m. — The signal! "There it is!," says Swan, relieved. We pull into headquarters' parking lot, and Swan tells me his next shift is Friday night.

Next week's issue looks at police work on a Saturday night-shift. Working on night-shift, I'm told, is when policing "gets interesting."



Niagara Regional Police officer Brad Swan is a graduate of Niagara College's Law and Security Administration program. He says a good sense of humor, ambition and common sense are important at his job.

Photo by Tom Brank

Police work 'worthwhile'

The best part of Brad Swan's day is going to work.

Swan, 33, has been an officer with the Niagara Regional Police Services for the past 10 years. I had the chance to ride-along with Swan on a 12-hour day-shift and interview the man behind the badge.

After graduating from Niagara College's Law and Security Administration program in 1984, Swan spent two years in the Canadian Air Force before moving to the NRPS. He said he enjoys police work and the job has proved to be "worthwhile".

"I really enjoy going to work. As far as I'm concerned there's no job around like it. I'm out here on my own, I do my job and I'm well-paid," said Swan.

"A good sense of humor, a lot of ambition, and common sense are very important things on this job," he said, explaining what is needed in his job. "Common sense will save your butt."

But, being a police officer also means dealing with the frustrations of the profession.

"We go into a lot of domestics where there are people who could care less about their kids," he said. "These same kids will grow up and we're going to have to deal with them."

"The hardest part is dealing with the restrictions. The provincial laws, the federal laws... they have to be revamped completely. They (politicians) talk about all these changes to laws... we have yet to see that."

Swan sees the future of policing as a difficult one.

"Guns are on the increase. If you look at the crime rate of the United States, we're about 10 years behind," he said.

"Generally, the whole region is a safe community to live in. You just have to take some extra precautions," Swan said.

Planning a romantic day for someone special

By SALLY BOND
Staff Writer

Love, romance, and passion can all be yours this Valentine's Day unless, of course, you screw it up. Here are a few suggestions to ensure a romantic holiday for you and your sweetheart.

The traditional gift of flowers is still a holiday favorite. The Fonthill Village Florist, at 135 Hwy. 20 E., is providing free delivery this weekend for all orders over $25 that are placed today.

Prices range from $5.25 for a single rose, $29.95 for an arrangement that includes a heart-shaped box and flowers, to $60 for a dozen red roses.

The store is open Monday to Saturday from 9 a.m. to 5:30 p.m. and Sunday from 1 p.m. until 4 p.m.

Showering your sweetheart with gifts of chocolates and sweets is another Valentine's Day custom.

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Feel like letting the world know you're in love? The St. Catharines Standard will be running a special Valentine's Day section in the classified section. A 15-word message will cost $4.85 with each additional word costing 25 cents.

Prizes will be awarded by the newspaper for the most romantic and original messages.

All orders must be prepaid and placed before 4 p.m. today. The Standard's office is located at 17 Queen St., St. Catharines or call 685-1321 to pay by Visa or Mastercard.

Fine dining can be enjoyed this Valentine's Day at Rinderlin's Dining Rooms at 24 Burgar St. in Welland.

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To make reservations, call 735-4411.

The Love Boat, at 5845 Victoria Ave. in Niagara Falls, provides casual dining at a reasonable price.

Dinners start at $9.95 and customers can choose from steak, seafood, and chicken entrees.

For reservations, call 357-4500.

Happy Valentine's Day from all the staff of the Niagara News.

Squeeze me...

This plush white teddy is waiting for you to buy him and give him to someone who will love him. There are many things to choose from for Valentine's Day at Granny's Cabinet at the Seaway Mall.

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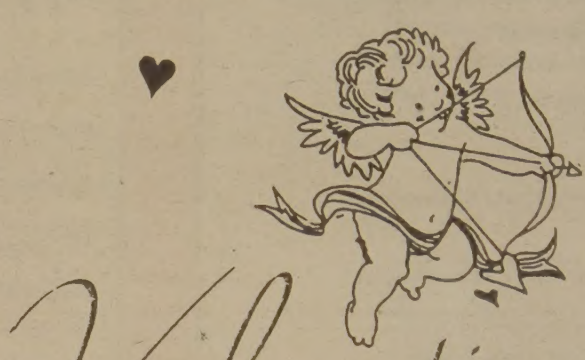

Carnations available Feb. 14

By DANIELLE MEVILLE
Staff Writer

The second-year Interior Design program is letting you show that special someone how much you care.

Combined with other ventures such as bake sales, the class hopes to raise $1,500 by selling raffle tickets to win a Valentine's Day gift basket.

A fundraising committee within the program has been established to help raise money to send the class to New York City during the next school term.

"We hope to raise enough money for the travel expenses," said Heidi Rathwell, 20, who is helping to organize the events on behalf of her class.

There are 20 people from third year hoping to go on the trip. They recently opened it to first-year students.

The basket includes a box of Turtles, a book of poetry, champagne and glasses, candles and holders, a teddy bear and flowers. The retail value of the gift basket is $130.

The draw will be held today at 11:30 a.m.

The class will also be selling carnations on Valentine's Day for $2 each. Other activities include chocolate almonds for Easter and a possible car wash in April, said Rathwell.

Up for monkey business?

Valentine's Day is for monkeying around and this adorable monkey wants to go crazy. When you care to send the very best to that extra special valentine buy an extra special gift.

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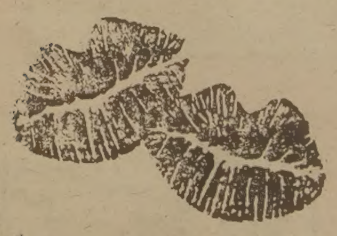

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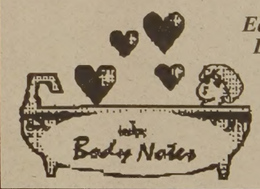

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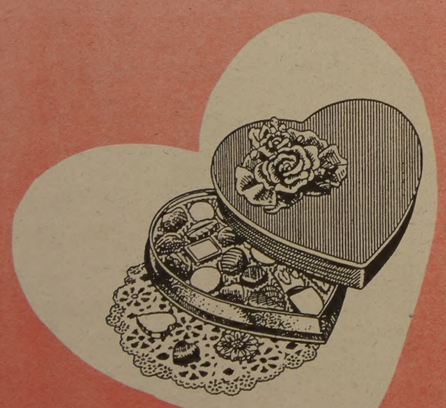

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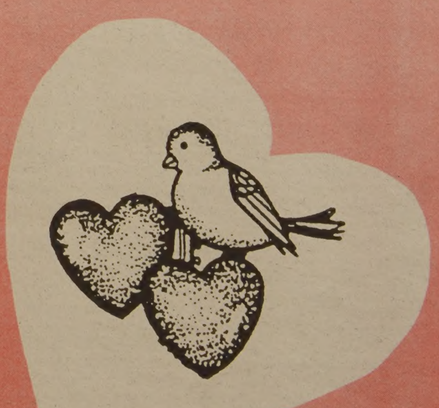

March of Dimes volunteer a hero

By TINA YOUNG
Staff Writer

At 27, Betty Marczi's life changed forever.

Marczi suffered a stroke in 1961, a week after giving birth to her fourth child.

An anuerism that went undetected burst, causing her to have a severe headache. She called a doctor who came to the house. "In those days doctors came to the house," she said. The doctor took her blood pressure and called an ambulance. "It was sky high," Marczi said. She was then taken to the Welland County General Hospital by ambulance.

Within an hour, Marczi could not speak or move the right side of her body. Paralysis was setting in.

"I was terrified, I didn't know what was happening to me," she said.

Marczi said a nurse came in and said her face was beginning to get distorted. Specialists began to prod and poke her with pins and a spinal tap was ordered.

She was then sent to the Toronto General Hospital. Asked how she got there, she said joking: "I walked." She was sent by ambulance and accompanied with a police escort.

Within 30 minutes, tests results found a cerebral hemorhage.

Marczi said she was aware of everything but couldn't speak. "I was weak and frightened."

She spent six months at the Toronto General Hospital, on the Nuerological floor, going through extensive therapy. Her therapy consisted of occupational therapy, physio therapy and speech therapy.

"It was excruciating," adds Marczi. She was told to send a message from her brain to whatever part of her body she wanted to move. "You have to concentrate. I didn't give up," she said, adding she remembers having to walk with poles on each side of her. It was hard because her balance was off, she said.

In a pool she was placed on a flutter board with her limbs hanging in the water. "At first it was very hard, and frustrating," she said, adding she thought she was going to drown.

To talk, she would have a speech therapist behind her head, earphones placed on her head and a mirror in front of her. She was told what sound to make and how to shape her mouth.

"You'd get excited when you heard yourself making a vowel sound through the earphones," she said.

After what seemed like an eternity, Marczi said her first word, "angel." It was two weeks after entering the hospital.

Another breakthrough occurred six weeks later when Marczi was in bed. "I moved my baby finger and started yelling for the nurses." The nurses said it was a reflex but she insisted they stay until she moved it again. It took half an hour, "but I did it," she said.

The staff on the neurological floor was supportive and encouraging, said Marczi. "One doctor kept telling me not to give up.

"I'd swear I was choking to death," she said. " I couldn't feel myself swallow."

When Marczi got out of the hospital after six long, gruelling months, she had to have therapy three times a week for about two years at a Welland hospital.

The outcome of this ordeal was a right leg brace. "My right arm is weaker than the left as well," she said.

In 1984, Marczi became an active volunteer for the Ontario March of Dimes. "I wanted to help other people like me," she said.

She helps by collecting money annually from Welland residents for the ability fund campaign.

Connie McNally, co-ordinator of fundraising and volunteer development, said Marczi is a "wonderful person. She is a caring person. It's evident."

Presently, Marczi is in the process of calling previous donors to campaign in support of programs and services.

Marczi has not had any speech problems since the stroke. "I haven't noticed one," said McNally.

Two years later she even received an award. The award presented to her read: "Outstanding campaign award for the highest precentage increase in a community with a population of over 10,000." She has also received several certificates of appreciation from the March of Dimes.

The March of Dimes offers many programs for disabled teens and adults. **For more information call 1-800-263-DIME.**

Betty Marczi takes off her right leg brace after wearing it all day. Sometimes it causes swelling to the top of her foot which makes wearing it uncomfortable.

Photo by Tina Young

Her other interests include crafts, camping and crossword puzzles. She is also an avid Wheel of Fortune watcher.

Living in a co-op apartment building, Marczi volunteers her time on the welcoming committee and board of directors.

Seven years after her stroke, Marczi was not only disabled but a single mother collecting mother's allowance. When her children grew up, Marczi then collected disability.

"She's a hero in my book," said Anna Brideau, a friend from Marczi's building. How many disabled people volunteer to help others? asks Brideau.

Cherubs, painted by Raphael in the Sistine Chapel, thoughts wander as Valentine's Day draws near.

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Humanist Institute holds key to love and romance

By PEGGY TEDDER
Staff Writer

Valentine's Day.

Weeks before Feb. 14, the windows of card shops and candy stores display appealing trimmings and trappings of the coming holiday. Valentine's Day is a time when people express feelings of friendship, affection, love - especially love for someone special.

People have celebrated love and romance on Feb. 14 for hundreds of years. The celebration stems from two ancient customs: the pagan festival for the fertility and protection of the flocks and their owners, Lupercalia, and the Christian observance of martyrdom of Valentine, the third century priest who wed Roman couples against the order of Emperor Cladius II.

But this is 1994, and times have changed. The skyrocketing divorce rate shows that, very often, our love choices turn out to be painful mistakes. There are many obstacles that stand in the way when in search for that elusive "special someone."

The connection between romance and cupid with his bow and arrow is hundreds of years old - or is it?

Adrian Smith, director of the Humanist Institute in St. Catharines, Ont., boasts a 70 per cent success rate matching singles. "We introduce people with similar personalities, hobbies and interests. We look for people that fit out clients requirements and restrictions. We take many things into consideration when trying to make a match," said Smith.

The oldest introduction service in North America, the Humanist Institute, services about 900 clients in the Nagara Peninsula and uses a systematic approach to establish compatibility before their clients meet.

"We have a large client base featuring many age ranges, that is the major reason we are so successful," said Smith.

On initial visits clients fill out questionnaires stating their own personal information, including values, ideas and interests and the qualities and/or restrictions that are required when looking for a suitable companion. Pictures of each client are taken but used only by staff when matching potential clients. No Chuck Woolery, no videos and no computers!

Once compatibility has been established by staff members, clients are contacted by mail. Provided with a confidential introduction letter with the name and phone number of their prospective date, clients are then encouraged to call each other and set up a meeting of their choice.

Smith said they suggest lunch or coffee as a first meeting, something casual, giving both parties the opportunity to get to know each other. "After that it is left up to the clients, they can move at the pace they want to."

Clients are asked to meet more than once, since the first meeting may be a little strained, then fill out an evaluation form in order to aid the service in arranging future introductions. "We are constantly updating the files of our clients," said Smith.

The service offers several programs. Price and length of program depend on individual needs. Not all clients are accepted. A thorough background search, including the investigation of a criminal record as well as past abuse of drugs or alcohol (if applicable) are considered before accepting a client.

Smith said they have found that this method is probably the safest way of meeting other singles. "This cuts the risk, however we are dealing with human beings and nobody is perfect. It is important to be realistic and use common sense, that's what this business is all about."

No matter what changes have taken place with the passage of time, the essential meaning of the holiday has remained strong. Valentine's Day is a day of love.

ENTERTAINMENT

Niagara student films documentary in Florida

By TOM BRANK
Staff Writer

Third-year Niagara film student Paul Gardner is going a long way to complete his latest assignment.

Gardner's latest project, *Greyhound — A Fall From Grace*, will be filmed in Florida beginning Feb. 11 with a crew of third-year film students and film professor Elias Petras.

The documentary film follows the trip of the greyhound dog from the racetrack into adopted homes. Gardner says the focus of the film plans to show how these dogs are rehabilitated in homes after they retire from racing.

"People should have a sense of what these animals go through," Gardner said. "These dogs have come right from the racetrack and none of them have even walked up a set of stairs."

Greyhound breeders, said Gardner, are "out of control" and more government regulation is needed to reduce the huge number of greyhounds killed in the United States every year.

The week-long shoot in Florida, financed by Gardner and his crew, will include travelling with a Florida law official investigating dog breeders as well as examining greyhound racing in Florida.

Gardner said the experience of directing a documentary is unique from his past work filming dramas.

"You can't control the situation the way the way you want to. You can't tell people how to react but you hope the camera's in the right spot at the right time to capture the moment," he said.

Gardner said he believes documentaries are becoming part of mainstream entertainment.

"People are looking for a different avenue of entertainment," he said. "They want to see real-life happening."

Greyhound — A Fall From Grace has already begun shooting in Canada with the recent arrival of 18 greyhounds into Canadian homes.

Buzzcock's new release

By AL GILDAY
Staff Writer

Never mind the Sex Pistols, the Buzzcocks have released a new album, but there is a big problem. They shouldn't have bothered.

Trade Test Transmissions is the latest release from the British group. I listened to this album over and over again in the car for several days and for the life of me I can't remember a single song. There is nothing memorable on this album.

Pete Shelley, the group's founder did have some commercial success with a solo album in 1981. That album yielded the hits, Homo Sapien and I Don't Know What It Is. On this album, there is none of the brilliance that Shelley displayed on his solo efforts.

The Buzzcocks, like hundreds of other punk bands, sprang up in 1977 after the Sex Pistols and the Clash took North America by storm. Like Generation X, X-Ray Spex, and the Damned, the Buzzcocks had a successful career in Britain, but were never able to recreate that success in this country. This album is full of lovely songs with lovely one-word titles and they are terrible. The vocals are drowned out by the music and the lyrics are silly.

Although punk music did much to define alternative music of today, it would have been better if this album was released in 1977. Perhaps musicians and record producers should sit down before they release an album, and let a hundred people listen to the demos before it's released. Chances are albums like this would never get released.

Acid Mud Flower blossoms

By TODD L'ECUYER
Staff Writer

Acid Mud Flower are not from Seattle, New York, Los Angeles or any of the other hot spots that are churning out some of today's popular hard rock. Mud Flower is from London, Ont.

That's right, all you metal fans should be aware that one of the hardest (but slow) working bands to grace the local scene have after much anticipation released their first independent CD, Girth. This Five song CD is truly the product of a heavy riffin' sound that Mud Flower have learned to master. If I have to compare them to someone I'd say they have a sound that may be influenced by such bands as Black Sabbath, Trouble and or Metallica.

The four-piece band is driven by the twin guitar power of vocalist/guitarist, Hippie, and guitarist, J.C. The solid rhythms that back it all up is supplied by drummer, Breck Campbell, and bass player, Neil Wilson.

This well-produced independent debut is simply amazing. Incredibly there is not one weak track on the whole disc. Girth is better then most of the the major label recordings I've heard in the last while. This band can compete with any of today's major label recording artists.

The true beauty of Acid Mud Flower is the fact that you can from time to time see them play local bars for not much more than the $3 cover. Check local papers for show info. This is a far cry from the inflated prices that major label artists are asking.

It still may take a little time for Girth to become available at your local record stores, but if you're interested keep checking. It'll be a purchase that will be worth the wait, I'd drive to London to buy it! As for now the band is selling the CD at shows. Remember the band is independently funded and require all the support they can get.

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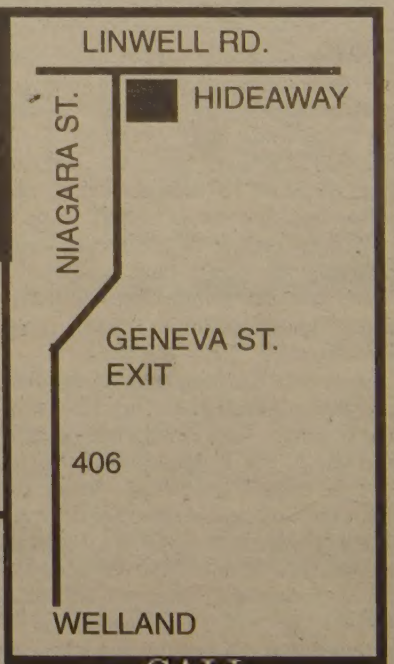

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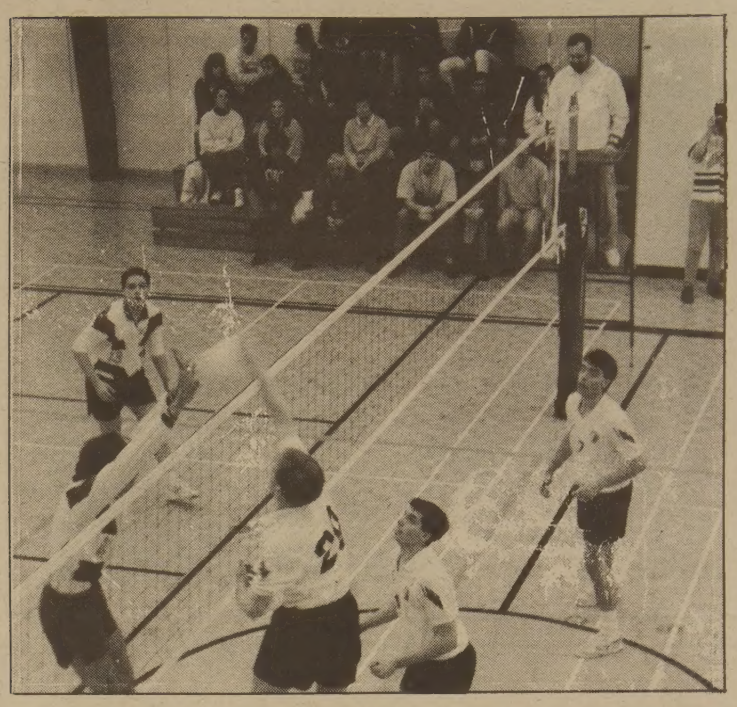

Knight Jim Konrad goes for the spike as the Knights cruise back into limelight with victory over George Brown Huskies.
Photo by Al Gilday

By CRAIG LITCHFIELD
Staff Writer

After a dismal showing in a tournament in Ottawa Feb. 4, the Niagara Knights men's volleyball team is back on course after defeating George Brown College.

The Knights beat the overmatched Huskies in three straight games Feb. 7 in front of a sparse home crowd. Niagara's starting lineup overwhelmed the Huskies 15-7 in the first game as George Brown seemed unable to mount an offensive attack.

Coach Ray Sarkis decided to shuffle his lineup for the second game, allowing some lesser used players some court time. The substitutes did not disappoint, with an exciting 15-13 come from behind win. In the third game Sarkis again went with his back-ups, and again Niagara came from behind to win 15-12.

"Our starting lineup dominated offensively and defensively, so I made some substitutions. We sort of slipped, but I left them in no matter what. It helped them gain some confidence in themselves," said Sarkis.

Blaine Prestor, who subbed for starting setter Donald Shantz, took awhile to find his groove, but finally settled down to play excellent ball.

"I was glad we came back in the last two," said Prestor. "Everyone kept their heads in it."

Rick Holman came off the bench to help Niagara with some late game heroics, tying the third game with a whistling kill.

"I don't get up front much cause I'm little, so it was a big bonus," said Holman.

Another bright spot, said Sarkis, was the play of Kevin Blundell. Blundell, who took over a starting spot after the departure of Eric Vanhuizer, had eight kills in the match. Starters Brent Roszell and Jim Konrad made their usual contributions with eight and seven kills respectively.

Brian Dunn, despite taking a spike in the head, played well defensively, getting up for three blocks. First-year player Franz Shuster contributed with two blocks.

With the Ontario Collegiate Athletic Assosciation Finals coming up on Feb. 25, Sarkis says his team must get prepared mentally.

"We are just as good or better than anyone who is going to be there. We have to be ready both physically and mentally. Volleyball is a mental game. If you lose your head you lose the game," said Sarkis.

The Knights next home game is Feb. 17 against Mohawk College of Hamilton.

Mountaineers beat Knights in close game

By LEANN MCHUTCHION
Staff Writer

Despite a valiant effort Feb. 3 the Niagara Knights Mens' basketball team were defeated 85-77 by the Mohawk Mountaineers.

The first half of the Thursday night game saw the Knights remain within a three point range of the team from Mohawk.

The entire game was a push and pull struggle for the lead. Niagara had a chance to take the lead only seconds before half-time as Chris Breen took two foul shots. He missed one, leaving the score tied at 35.

Knight's top scorer Paul Grummett and Frank Keltos both played an impressive game showing off their usual skills with 19 points for Grummett and 16 points for Keltos Thursday night.

The second half of the game also saw some excellent attempts at the three pointer from Knight John Nicholson.

As the time ticked away in the second half the Knights were forced to use their remaining time outs to try to take the lead, but the effort was to no avail.

With Mohawk taking the lead with 10 minutes to go in the second half the Knights were unable to get ahead again.

With only 3:30 left the Knights were trailing by a score of 72-61 but managed to score another 16 points in the last three minutes of play.

At a home game against Fanshawe College Feb. 8 the Knights came out the victors winning 69-41.

Top scorers for the Knights were again Grummett with 19 points, Keltos with 18 points and Scott Currie with 15 points.

The Knights need more support from their fans, at the Thursday night game only 16 fans were on the bleachers in the Mackenzie Gym at the Welland Campus to cheer their team on.

The Knights will play at home Friday Feb. 11 at 7 p.m. against St. Clair College.

Big Blue Machine 'on a roll'

By CRAIG LITCHFIELD
Staff Writer

"We're on a roll," said Jennifer MacMillan, the premier server of the Niagara Knights women's volleyball team.

MacMillan's deadly serve, seven aces in the first game alone, helped the Knights steamroll the George Brown Huskies at Niagara College Feb. 7. The Knights tamed the Huskies winning three straight games, 15-6, 15-6 and 15-9 respectivly. Key blocks from the defensive wall of Donnell Stayzer and Lauri Shipp along with Amy Charko's 19 kills "really made the difference (in the match)," said coach John Kwiatkowski.

The new-look Knights have shifted from a 5-1 rotation to a 6-2 rotation. "That allows us to release Tammy's (Forrester) power," said Kwiatkowski.

Since the change in rotation the pillaging Knights have destroyed everything in their path. They have won six straight games, their only loss coming in the form of a one-point defeat at the hands of Redeemer on Feb. 2. The Knights rebounded from the loss to capture three straight, come-from-behind wins.

Everything seems to be coming together at the right time for the big blue machine, with the OCAA Finals on Feb. 25.

"Amy and Tammy have just been spiking the ball phenomenally," said Kwiatkowski. "Joanna's (Collings) serving has improved 120 per cent, she's much more aggressive. Off of the bench we have strong serving and consistant digging with Cindy (Shantz)."

The Knights will meet Mohawk in their next home game Feb. 17.

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Female Olympians strive for medals and equality

By LEANN MCHUTCHION
Staff Writer

The 1994 Olympics in Lillehammer, Norway are upon us and as athletes from around the world enter the final stages of preparation for the Games, all eyes are upon them.

Canada's women's team is comprised of many fine athletes who have spent years preparing for the final and ultimate challenge for any athlete, the Olympics.

Figure skater Josee Chouinard, alpine skier Kerrin Lee-Gartner, speed skaters Susan Auch and Sylvie Daigle are four of Canada's greatest hopes to win Olympic medals, says the Canadian Association for the Advancement of Women and Sports and Physical Activity (CAAWS).

The association in a recent press release said "women athletes are no different than men athletes in the skill, dedication and courage they bring to their sports," and because of this the *Niagara News* has focused not on the men of the Winter Olympics, but on the women and what they have had to endure to excel in their sport.

The Canadian women, who have earned their spot on the Olympic team, have had to overcome many obstacles to get onto the team from Chouinard having to leave her native Montreal to train with Louis Strong and Sandra Bezic in Toronto, to Kate Pace who raced in the World Alpine Championships in 1993 with a broken left wrist to earn her spot on the team.

Women... are not treated in the same fashion as the men.

Women's role in the Olympic games has been downplayed, as have women's roles in many areas of society, for years. The women we have focused on for the past three weeks in the *Niagara News* are the "Stars of Winter," says a message from Bobbie Stern, chair of the CAAWS, and with this I agree. These women have spent much of their life training to get to the Olympics and when they finally get there the media pays little attention to them because they are too busy focusing on their male counterparts.

Women in the Olympics are not treated in the same fashion as the men. In a statistical report from the CAAWS, it is reported that at the 1992 Olympics in Barcelona women competed in 86 events while men competed in 158, only 12 events were open to both men and women.

In the 1994 Winter Olympics on 13 sports, including ice hockey, bobsled and ski jumping are closed to women.

Women in sports deserve the recognition that male Olympians receive. A male athlete would never be referred to as a hunk, or having great buns, but women in sports are often referred to by terms such as attractive, leggy, curvaceous or cute. How can women athletes feel dignified in their sport when they are referred to by such degrading terms.

I think that the women of the Olympic games, and all female athletes, deserve the same treatment as men are afforded. With much hard work and dedication Canadian women have earned their place in sporting history having been awarded Olympic gold, silver and bronze medals on 21 glorious occasions, and with the line up of women who are on their way to Lillehammer this year Canadians are sure to receive more Olympic honors at these 1994 Winter Olympic Games.

SAC awards scholarships

By CRAIG LITCHFIELD
Staff Writer

In appreciation of athletic and academic excellence, Student Administrative Council has awarded four Niagara students with SAC athletic scholarships.

The recipients were asked to write a short essay detailing the reasons they felt they were eligible for the $300 award.

Student athletes who have been awarded athletic scholarships for the 1993/94 academic year include Dan Mcnab, a Hamiltonian who is receiving his second athletic scholarship. Mcnab is an honor student in the Law and Security Administration program and quarterbacked the Niagara touch football team to its first OCAA championship. Mcnab, a Syracuse Orangemen fan, is also a defensive stalwart on the Niagara men's basketball team.

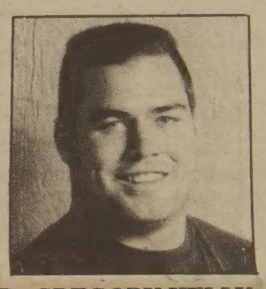
Tammy Forrester, a native of Saskatoon, Sask., is also receiving her second scholarship. Forrester carries a 92 per cent average into her final term in the Fashion Merchandising program and is the starting setter on the Niagara women's volleyball team.

First-year student Franz Shuster has been awarded for his 80 per cent average in a difficult Computer/Electrical/Electronic Engineering Technology program and his excellent power and middle play on the men's volleyball team.

Shuster, a Fonthill resident, is an integral part of the team which has a good chance of clinching the Division 2 championships this year.

Paul Grummett, a third-year member of the men's basketball team and active member of SAC is receiving his first scholarship. Grummett, a St. Catharines resident, carries an 80 per cent average in the Welder Fitter program and spends his weekends coaching children's basketball.

Olympics mean more than money



By GREGORY KELLY
Staff Writer

Who really believes it's how you play the game?

Amateur sport, specifically the Olympic Games, has taken a beating lately through scandals. From steroid abuse by Ben Johnson in the 1988 games in Seoul, Korea to a premeditated attack on United States figure skater Nancy Kerrigan, amateur sport is looking more like the World Wrestling Federation everyday.

Now there are reports that the International Figure Skating Association has slotted Nancy Kerrigan and Tonya Harding in the same practice time at the training rink as they pepare for the Winter Games in Lillehammer, Norway. It really is time for this matter to be put to rest.

These Winter Olympics were to have been a comeback story for former Olympic gold medalist figure skaters Katarina Witt of Germany and American Brian Boitano - a showcase of the talents of the world's best atheletes. Instead, the '94 Games will be remembered as the live rehearsal for the CBS movie of the week.

It is obvious that Harding knew about the attack, after the fact, on Kerrigan by her ex-husband. Until there are at least charges brought against her she should be allowed to participate in the competition. It would make sense, though, to avoid putting Kerrigan and Harding in the same area until absolutely necessary.

The idea of the Olympics is for amateur atheletes to compete at the highest level of competition while representing their country, an honor few will ever have bestowed upon them. Now, it seems, the games are a marketing tool where the gold medal is a financial windfall rather than an athletic achievement.

Winning at any level of sport is more fun than losing, but there still has to be a desire to play the game just because you love to play. I love to win more than anybody but if monetary gain is the only reason children are training before the sun comes up then maybe we should take a long look in the mirror and examine why the competitions are called games.

Let the games begin.

Victory brings play-off possibility

By STUART MCDONALD
Staff Writer

After losing 8-5 to Conestoga College on Feb. 2, the hockey Knights rebounded, beating Cambrian College 8-7 on Feb. 5 at the Welland Arena.

The home win against Sudbury's Cambrian College was Niagara's first victory against a Costello division rival and moved Niagara into a tie for third place and into playoff contention.

"This was like a playoff game," said Knights' coach Fred Bassi. "This win puts us tied with them (Cambrian). For us to win tonight was a big victory."

The Knights' record is 6-5-2 while Cambrian is 7-7. Both teams have 14 points, although the Knights have a game in hand with four games to go in the season.

Niagara took a 5-2 lead into the first intermission against Cambrian, which Bassi attributed to Cambrian's game, the day before, against Seneca. "When you play the day before, the home team should have the advantage and we came out quick," said Bassi. "They got their legs though and they came right back."

The score was 8-6 Niagara with 45 seconds to go in the third period and then Cambrian pulled their goalie.

Former Ontario Hockey League winger, Tim Favot, scored 21 seconds later on a rising slapshot from the point to bring Cambrian within one goal. With Cambrian pressing, the Knights killed off the next 24 seconds to win 8-7.

Niagara's Scott Punnett scored four goals including the game-winner and Pete Lachance had a goal and four assists. John Anger also chipped in with two goals.

The Knights' loss to Conestoga in Kitchener, three days earlier, was closer than the score indicated, said Bassi. The Knights were down by one goal with two minutes remaining but Conestoga scored to make it 7-5 and then added another one into an empty net.

Joe Covelli netted two for the Knights. Scott Punnett, Pete Lachance and Lyndon Johnston added singles.

The Knights' next home game is on Saturday, Feb. 12 against Toronto's Seneca College at the Welland Arena. Game time is 8 p.m.

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'Tricks' help enhance students' memory skills

By ANGELA KOTLARZ
Staff Writer

English author Samuel Johnson once said "the true art of memory is the art of attention."

Everyone has experienced the frustration of forgetting something, but we can learn as students to improve our memories by first mastering the art of concentration.

Brigitte Chiki, a Niagara College counsellor, said a lot of students who have been out of school worry their memories won't serve them well in college.

"We have to convince them with age, their memory, in fact, gets better," said Chiki, "because new memories attach themselves to old experiences."

When students come in and complain about their memory, Chiki said, she first asks if it's their memory or concentration that is the problem.

If you can't concentrate, you can't remember, she said, and learning to block out distractions is something many students have difficulty mastering.

Chiki suggests the next time you're in the library studying and the door opens, don't look up. Controlling your impulse will disturb your concentration the first few times, she said, "but very soon you'll learn to ignore these disturbances."

Students also need to put a little checkmark every time they find themselves distracted while reading or studying, said Chiki.

"By forcing yourself to figure out how often you are distracted, you can look at what you're being distracted by and then you can address these distractions," she said.

Students should also know their best study style, Chiki said. Some students are able to study with music in the background and others can't. Some prefer to study alone and others prefer groups.

Study skills textbooks will suggest a variety of techniques for improving your memory but, said Chiki, "It's a very individual thing, so do what works best for you."

Breaking up your study periods with 10-or-15 minute breaks is also important. "It's just like working on your computer, every once in a while you have to save and your memory needs that kind of save break too," she said.

If you don't allow for the breaks your brain will shut itself off and whatever you learn after that point will be lost, she said..

Internal distractions, such as worrying about unsolved problems or upcoming events, can also affect concentration and memory but, said Chiki, "I've learned most of the things I worry about never happen and the same may be true for students."

The nice thing about memory, she said, is it's unlimited. "The basic memory rule is you can remember any new piece of information if it's associated with something you already know."

New information always needs a hook, said Chiki, so whenever you're faced with new information ask what it reminds you of and make it relate to that.

Our memories are like filing cabinets, she said. "They're either orderly or they're one big miscellaneous file."

It's not a case of being born with with a good memory or not, said Chiki. "You have to develop your memory and processing information properly is everything."

She said many experts agree creating multiple hooks, instead of just one, is an effective way to memorize material. "That way, if one of the pathways isn't working for you, there's another hook available to you."

Some students write material out others recite it aloud but, said Chiki, "Not only is it important to process information in different ways but to process it often."

She said memory is like an imprint and the more you process the information, the deeper the imprint becomes.

"You want it to become like a scar in your brain so you can recall the information when you need it."

The key to improving memory lies in organizing and coding material more effectively and mnemonics can be used to assist in this task, she said.

Mnemonics, or memory tricks, are commonly used and can be things such as rhymes or jingles that help students recall information. Although this is a technique that helps many students get by, teachers often don't like to hear students are using them.

"Some teachers think it means the students aren't learning," said Chiki," but in creating a mnemonic, a lot of thought and creativity goes into it so that creates learning."

Chiki said she believes mnemonics are one of many memory techniques students should consider to be valuable and should practise.

Students requiring further information about improving their concentration and memory should drop by the Counselling Centre, located in ME103, Welland campus.

CNIB promotes 'ability'

By CHRIS RUSSO
Staff Writer

The Canadian National Institute for the Blind held its annual kick off breakfast on Monday, Feb. 7.

The breakfast, held at the Parkway Inn in St. Catharines, was aimed at promoting this year's focus, which is ability rather than disability.

Local politicians, including MPP Christel Haeck, MPP Jim Bradley, and Niagara Regional councillors Roy Adams and Mike Collins, staff members and volunteers of the CNIB as well as members from community organizations, were on hand to either say a few words or accept an award.

Former St. Catharines mayor Adams spoke of his memories of blind and visually impaired people he has crossed paths during his life. "So many good things have been done to the CNIB," he said. "Thank you for what you do."

Haeck said how aware society has become over the years and that she has "become very conscious of the concerns for accessability." She also commended the organization on its accomplishments, telling them to "keep up the good work."

Bradley, who suffered from a detached retina a few years ago, said "for 19 days I could appreciate" what blind people go through. He also mentioned the number of developments "for people who face these conditions. Particularly education services."

Four awards of merit were also handed out for community support and participation for the CNIB. Harry Ennis accepted for the Ontario March of Dimes, George Gills and Larry Rendall, both of the Grimsby Lions Association, accepted an award, and Stephen Hanns accepted one for the Welland Public Library.

1994 ELECTIONS FOR INTERNAL GOVERNORS ADMINSTRATIVE STAFF AND STUDENTS MARCH 21,1994

This year, Niagara College must elect one Administrative Staff Member and one Student to the Board of Governors for the following terms:

ADMINISTRATIVE STAFF - September 1, 1994 to August 31, 1997
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Those eligible to run are:

- **full- and part-time administratrive staff employed as of March 1, 1994**
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Nominations will be received from February 17 to March 2, 1994, inclusive. Nomination forms together with information about the number of meetings and the role and responsibilities of Governors will be available from the Board Secretary, H-4, and at all balloting stations shown below except the Cafeteria. Each nomination requires two seconders from the nominee's constituent group.

Campaigning will take place from March 7 to March 20, 1994, inclusive. Balloting will take place on March 21, 1994 between the hours of 10:00 am and 3:00 pm with votes counted on March 22. Continuing Education students registered in a program leading to a Diploma of Certificate will also be able to vote between the hours of 6:30 pm and 8:30 pm in the C.E. Office in Hennepin Hall (H-21) on the Welland Campus, the Second Floor Office at the St. Catharines Campus, or the Main Office at the Hospitality and Tourism Centre. Ballot packages and ballot boxes will be available at the following locations on March 21:

- Welland Campus
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  - ~ ME - 100 - Office of the Vice- President, Student Life and Human Resources
  - ~ H - 21 - Continuing Education Office
- Horticultural Centre, St. Catharines
- Hospitality and Tourism Centre, Niagara Falls
- Mack Nursing Education Centre, St. Catharines
- St. Catharines Campus - Main Office, 2nd Floor

Voters' lists will be available for checking from March 8 - 14, 1994, inclusive, at all above locations except for the Cafeteria. In order to vote, your name must be on the Voters' list. The last day for revision to the Voters' list is March 14.

Strict confidentiality will be maintained in the balloting using two ballot envelopes, one inside the other. On the specified day, the ballot boxes will be opened in the presence of the Returning Officer and the return envelopes stating the name, constituent group and signature will be matched against and recorded on the appropriate Voter listing to ensure one vote per elector. The outer return envelope will then be separated from the ballot envelope to ensure the secrecy of the ballot, and the ballot envelope will be returned to the ballot box pending the count of the votes. After all return envelopes have been checked against the Voters' lists and any disputes with respect to voter eligibility have been resolved, the ballot boxes will be reopened and the count commenced. The Returning Officer will rule on the eligibility of any ballot due to improper marking.

Persons interested in standing for nomination should note that study week is February 28 - March 4 and make arrangements to submit their nominations within the specified period.

February 11, 1994 John T. Saso, President.

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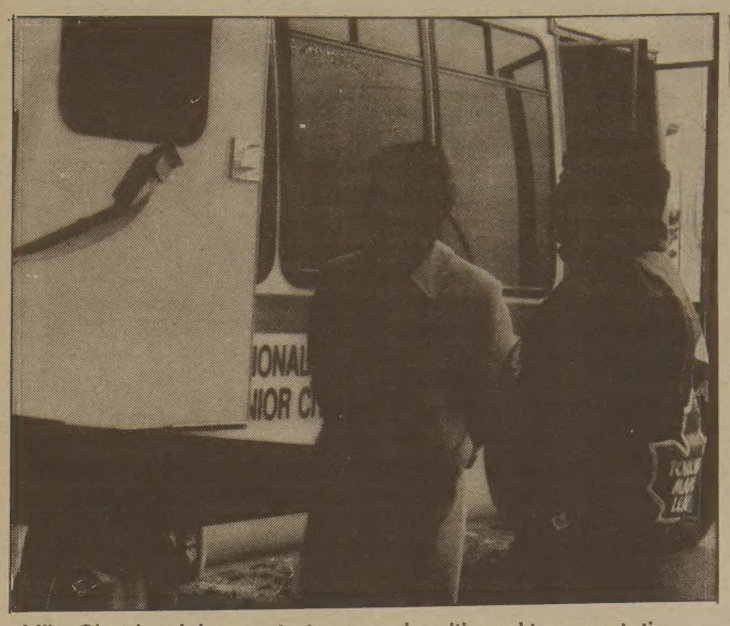


Mike Shepherd demonstrates a senior citizens' transportation vehicle to Bill Mouck during Regional Open House on Feb. 6.
Photo by Donna Dolynsky

By DONNA DOLYNSKY
Staff Writer

For the children, it was like a fun-fair, but for taxpayers, it was an open door to information concerning Niagara Regional services.

Regional chair Brian Merritt greeted visitors as they entered the headquarters on St. Davids Road during the Region's third annual open house on Sunday, Feb. 6.

"We want to help people understand what the Regional government does," he said.

Demonstrations were scheduled throughout the afternoon. Regional worker Andy Bertrand climbed down a rope from the bucket of an aerial utility truck to demonstrate some maneuvers workers encounter.

Some of the indoor displays included a miniature intersection, a tank filled with zebra mussels, water purification information tables and videos to help educate the public as to where their tax dollars are going.

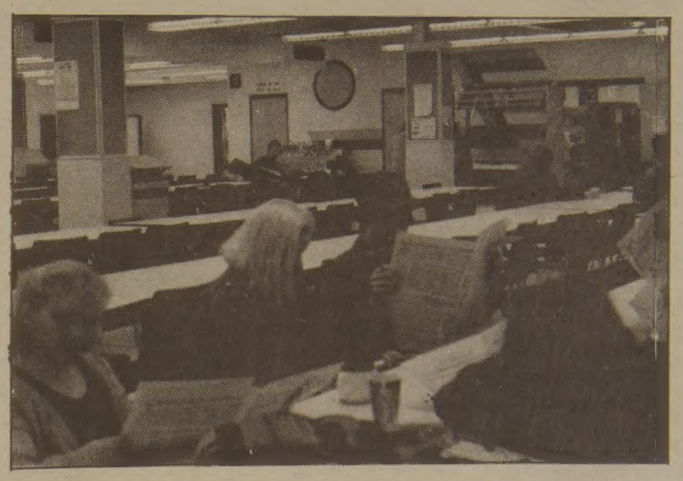
The Niagara Regional Police display included scuba-diving equipment, assault weapons, bomb protection equipment and RM1, a robot that is used to remove suspicious packages. Not to mention 29-month-old Saint, who is trained to attack on command as was demonstrated in the front of the headquarters.

"It's not a love-hate relationship," said Constable Johnstone of the NRP, "but rather a discipline on demand."

Other heavy equipment such as a road grader, a snow plough/sander, a senior citizen transportation vehicle and a police cruiser were opened up for browsers to observe.

"Some people have no idea what the Region does," said Merritt. He said this type of event gives taxpayers the opportunity to come and learn.

Wow! What an informative newspaper



Students while away the morning with the Niagara News.
Photo by Peggy Tedder

Healthy eating in March

By SALLY BOND
Staff Writer

It's time to swap your chocolate bars for yogurt.

To coincide with Nutrition Month in March, the St. Catharines Public Library and the Niagara Nutrition Month Committee are co-sponsoring a presentation focusing on healthy eating for women and children.

Denise Beatty, a columnist for the *Toronto Star* and recipient of the Ontario Dietetic Association Award of Honour in 1993, will be speaking at the Central Library March 10 at 7 p.m.

The library is located at 54 Church St. in St. Catharines. Admission is free but donations of non-perishable food items for the Food Bank would be appreciated.

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	Earthball - 12:30, behind After Hours - *enter one team only*
Wed. 16 -	**Sumo Wrestling** - 1 -3, in After Hours - *enter two members per team*
	drop off Scavenger Hunt items between 10:30 & 12:30 in SAC office
Thur. 17 -	**Snow Football** - 12:30, behind After Hours - *enter one team only*
	Air Hockey - 12:30, in After Hours - *enter two members per team*
Fri 18 -	**Air Band** - 12:30, in After Hours - *enter two acts from each team*
	AWARDS CEREMONY - 2:30, in After Hours

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Co-op program gives practical experience

By TINA YOUNG
Staff Writer

The job experience was "very positive, one of the best things about the course," says Ryan Hanlin, 23, a fourth-year Electronics Engineering Technology student.

Co-op, which starts after the first year, is optional for students. In second year, the students are on co-op from January to April and then April to the end of August. In the third year students face a full year of school and hard work. "We'd spend up to 24 hours on a lab to get them done," said Hanlin.

Hanlin was lucky enough to get the optional job after his first term from April to August. He worked within the Lundy area at Central Supply with David Gould from the technology department. "He was one of the best people I ever worked for," added Hanlin, "he gave us a lot of responsiblity."

During his second term, January to April, Hanlin worked in the computer store. His duties were printing student transcripts, assembling computers and sales. From April to August he went back to working within the Lundy area fixing equipment and earning nearly minimum wage.

"The third term was real tough, one full year of school," said Hanlin. The course which many students find difficult is programmable logic control, a course in which computers are used to control machines. The workload was heavy, he said.

The summer after third term Hanlin landed a job in Burlington at Gennum Corporation, a manufacturer of electronic components. Richard Furbaucher, a micro-electronic teacher, spoke to Gennum and convinced them to hire a student. Furbaucher then spoke to co-op. Hanlin then went through co-op to get the job. The company makes amplifiers for hearing aids, said Hanlin.

"I can only think of half a dozen people who got jobs through co-op. Maybe half of all students received jobs," said Hanlin. Some people got jobs packing sugar, added Hanlin.

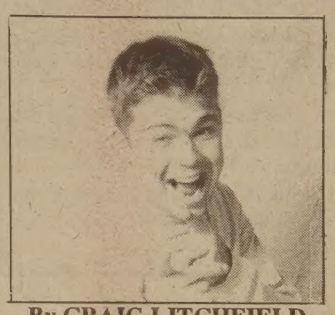
Now with fourth term underway and co-op out of the way, Hanlin can focus on his school assignments, or so he thought. Two weeks ago Hanlin was asked back part-time at Gennum. He was more than willing to go. "It's good money, especially for a student." While at work Hanlin makes sure everything is going smoothly on the assembly line. People on the line assembles the electronic components for hearing aids.

"Math is important and communication too," says Hanlin for anyone wanting to get into Electronics.

Three courses to choose from stem from technology, computers, electrical and electronics. Jean Brodi, co-op liaison, officer took over Dave Robinson's position, which has made things better, said Hanlin.

"I haven't felt as bad paying the $300 but I still don't think I've got my moneys worth out of it."

Intermural co-ed volleyball competition fearsome



By CRAIG LITCHFIELD
Staff Writer

Kills. Smashes. Dives. Screams.

No this is not guerilla warfare, but it is somthing very close. It is co-ed volleyball.

Another successful season of co-ed intermural volleyball is well underway, and although no fatalities have yet been reported, competition is fearsome.

For the past two weeks, teams with such monickers as Out of Control and the Other Guys, have met on Tuesdays and Thursdays at 12:30 p.m. to beat each other into submission on the volleyball court. Each match is played for 15 minutes or until 21 points are scored against the opposition.

To look at the motley array of sweatpants and T-shirts on the court one would presume the level of play to be comical. Far from it. These people take their game seriously. Sure they have fun, but the calibre of play is surprisingly high.

Joe Randall, a 21-year-old Law and Security Administration program student who plays for the Maximum Ice team, says he is happy with his team's level of play. "There's only two weeks left until the playoffs. So far, so good," he said.

As of Feb. 4, Randall's Maximum Ice, with six points, were locked in a three-way tie for first place in the Thursday League along with Out of Control and King of Court. The Saracens, Toques and No Frills are all in second place with four points, while Devils and A.V.P. trail with two and zero points respectivly.

The Tuesday League is led by the Tigers with six points, followed by the Other Guys with four points, while the Raiders lag behind with two.

Leigh Shisler, an 18-year-old and Law and Security Administration program student who plays for King of Court, says he is enjoying the competition. "I joined to play school sports and meet people. It's a lot of fun," said Shisler.

Regular season play continues until Feb.17. The leaders of both the Tuesday and Thursday League will then meet on Feb.22 or 24 to decide who really does rule the co-ed court.

Cuckoo clocks are making a come-back

By ADELE NAGY
Staff Writer

Marionettes. Cuckoo clocks. Lilibet's European Imports in Welland is indeed a European wonderland.

Located on 113 East Main St. since Jan.17, 1994, after having spent one year in the Seaway Mall, Lilibet's is a treasure trove of artistic achievement. Most things are hand-made and they are precious works of art.

Elizabeth Ebert and her husband Helmut run the business. Elizabeth says "everything is from Europe" - linen from Austria and Germany, and wood alloy cookie presses from Switzerland in the shape of animals, birds, and country scenes.

Other specialized items include nesting eggs (dolls within dolls) from Russia, porcelain from the former Czechoslovakia, and baby cutlery from Germany.

With the cuckoos from the Black Forest trying to beat each other out of their clocks in the background, Elizabeth adds that her husband also repairs clocks: "grandfather clocks, cuckoo clocks - anything but watches," she says.

One of her most precious items that she carries are her porcelain and vinyl dolls. "All dolls are in *Doll Reader* magazine this month," she said.

The list goes on and on, from authentic German nutcrackers to smoking men, (a smoking man is a wooden figure into which people place German incense. When lit, smoke comes out of its pipe). On the other wall cow bells hang from Austria and opposite, Russian mice and dolls made out of flax. Free copies of the *Deuche Press* from Toronto are also available.

Ebert is planning to have a tea room and offer cakes to her customers. "German pastries are the best pastries," she said. The idea for the business was her husband's, who, at about retirement age, did not want to retire.

When they lived in Germany they got used to good things - certain articles they couldn't buy in Canada. Her husband said "Why don't we bring them over ourselves?"

Elizabeth Ebert holds two precious items from her shop.
Photo by Adele Nagy

Area curlers sweep tournament

By CRAIG LITCHFIELD
Staff Writer

Sweeeeeep!

The Niagara College mixed curling team nearly swept the field while winning the Ontario College Athletic Association (OCAA) Regionals on Feb. 4.

The team, lead by experienced skip Al Charuk, lost only one game in the four-game round robin hosted by Ridgetown College in Ridgetown, Ont.

The team has a core of veteran players in Charuk, lead Penny Rominger and Susan Mulkins, the only rookie being Jeff Reid.

The fearsome foursome will travel to Sault Ste. Marie on Feb. 25 to compete in the OCAA Finals being hosted by Sault College.

"Our chances are excellent of coming home with the provincial championship," said coach Brian Nagy.

The field at the Finals consists of Seneca, Mohawk, Niagara, Ridgetown and Georgian College.

Skip Al Charuk's knowledge of the game will be the key to victory at Sault Ste. Marie, said Nagy. "He knows what he's doing. His strategy of calling the game is great."

The six-team tournament will wrap up on Saturday, Feb. 26.

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